

Here are the highlights from the regular Lanark County Council meeting held Wednesday, Oct. 26.

- **Community Grants Recipients Approved:** Council approved in principle the funding allocations for community grants recipients based on recommendations in a summary of 2017 funding requests. Last October council approved a new community grants program, which came into effect on Jan. 1. The new guidelines were distributed to the 2016 recipients and the information was also advertised. A staff working group evaluated the submissions and provided recommendations in a report to the community services committee in advance of the 2017 budget deliberations. The program is designed to award grants to projects that have a direct impact on the people of Lanark County or to increase the capacity of organizations to initiate and sustain local projects. Three categories of projects were represented: human services, agriculture/forestry, arts/heritage/tourism. The 2017 community grant budget is \$275,000; requests totalled \$596,000. Recipients for project funding (one year) include Food for Thought in Lanark County, Lanark County 4-H Association, Lanark County Community Justice Program, Lanark County Tourism Association, Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement and Watersheds Canada. Program funding (two years) recipients include Archives Lanark, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lanark County, Lanark Community Programs, Lanark County Therapeutic Riding Program, and the five youth centres in the county and Smiths Falls. For more information, contact Leslie Drynan, Clerk, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1502.
- **Clerk and Treasurer Appointed:** Council has passed bylaws approving appointments related to the clerk and treasurer positions in the County. In September 2013, a major reorganization of the county administration took place that amalgamated the clerk, treasurer and CAO position into one, with a deputy clerk and deputy treasurer reporting to the CAO. With the new by-laws, Leslie Drynan, who was in the deputy clerk position, has been appointed as Clerk/Deputy CAO. Jennie Bingley, who was deputy treasurer, has been appointed to the position of Treasurer/Manager of Corporate Services, which oversees the finance, human resources and information technology departments. CAO Kurt Greaves will also act as Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer. For more information, contact Kurt Greaves, CAO, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1101.
- **ROMA Delegation Requests Outlined:** Council has approved a motion authorizing staff to submit delegation requests for the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association Conference taking place in January. Councillors are seeking to meet with the Ministry of Children and Youth Services regarding sustainable funding for youth centres, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care regarding cross-border ambulance billing, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing about the proposed amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs about funding models related to school closures. For more information, contact Leslie Drynan, Clerk, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1502.
- **Employee Receives Award for Outstanding Contributions:** Warden Gail Code (Drummond/North Elmsley Deputy Reeve) extended congratulations on behalf of council to Nikole Green, Adult Protective Services Worker (APSW) with the Lanark County Social Services Department (Developmental Services). Ms. Green received the Percy Pittman Award at the Adult Protective Services Workers Association conference in Cobourg in September. The award is presented to an adult protective services worker who makes outstanding contributions in the field of case-management services to adults with developmental disabilities living independently in the community. Ms. Green has been with the Developmental Support Services team for seven years,

during which time she has demonstrated outstanding leadership abilities in her role. “Nikole tackles any challenge head on and always has time for her clients or co-workers in a time of need,” said Julie Golding, Developmental Support Services Manager. The Percy Pittman award was named for a former DSS client who attended the conference with a former APSW employee of Lanark County, Steve Tennant. For more information, contact Julie Golding, Developmental Support Services Manager, at 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 2201. **Photo available at**

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/gz5qy875q69nnzc/Nikole%20Green%20and%20Steve%20McIntosh.jpg?dl=0>

(Nikole Green receiving her award from colleague Steve McIntosh, the newly elected Chair of the APSAO Executive Committee)

- **Upcoming Meetings: County Council, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 5 p.m.;** Community Services, Nov. 9 (following County Council); Corporate Services, Nov. 9 (following Community Services). **Public Meeting – Development Charges, Wednesday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m. Special Corporate Services 2017 Budget Presentation: Friday, Nov. 18, 9 a.m. County Council, Wednesday, Nov. 23, 5 p.m.;** Economic Development, Nov. 23 (following County Council); Public Works, Nov. 23 (following Economic Development). All meetings are in Council Chambers unless otherwise noted. For more information, contact 1-888-9-LANARK, ext. 1502. Like "LanarkCounty1" on Facebook and follow "@LanarkCounty1" on Twitter!